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1. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at Bautzen-Litten airfield between 19 July and 2 September 1955:

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19, 20, 21 and 22 July. Yak-11s flying in formations of two and four repeated ~~by aircraft flying~~ Bautzen. Aerobatics including looping, rolling and steep ~~by aircraft flying~~ individually and in elements of two. On 22 July, four jet fighters crossed over the field, apparently without any connection to the flights made by the aircraft stationed at the field.

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27 August. Between 1000 and 1500, six Yak-11s crossed over the field. Between 1300 and 1345, six Yak-11s landed. A total of 17 Yak-11s were counted in front of the three western hangars which were open and vacant.

28 and 29 August. No air activity was observed.

30 and 31 August. Individual aircraft crossed over the field.

1 September. At about 1300, 8 Yak-11s flew in two formations of 4.

2 September. There was intensive air activity by Yak-11s which had a gray and red propeller hub respectively. Seventeen Yak-11s were again observed in front of the empty hangars as on 27 August.

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3. The following air activity was observed between 26 July and 27 August 1955:

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26 and 27 July. There was air activity by formations of two, three and

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four aircraft.

6 to 11 August. Flights in formations of 3 Yak-11s were repeatedly observed at an altitude of about 400 meters. About 4 km west of Bautzen, the formations repeatedly made a right bank and then returned to the field.

13 to 17 August. There was air activity mostly flights in elements of two aircraft which flew 4 to 5 km around the field. The two aircraft of an element simultaneously took off, but landed individually in rapid succession. Aerobatics at an altitude of about 1,000 meters were made by individual aircraft. Some of the aircraft had red propeller hubs and others had gray propeller hubs.

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26 and 27 August. Yak-11s practiced flying in formations of three and four at altitudes between 300 and 600 meters. The arrangement within the individual formations was repeatedly changed.¹

4. The following observations were made at Bautzen-Litten airfield on 27 July and on 11 and 17 August 1955:

27 July. At about 1800, 2 trucks, 2 x 5-ton tank trucks, 1 ambulance and 1 fire truck were parked about 200 meters west of the wire fence on the landing field. About 100 meters farther west was a two-axle radio truck with extended antenna rod 6 to 8 meters long. Eleven canvas-covered Yak-11s were parked in front of the hangars.

11 August. At about 1000, 15 Yak-11s were parked in front of the hangars and 8 Yak-11s on the dispersal area west of the flight control station. A mast 7 to 8 meters high mounting a discone antenna (new designation for umbrella-type antenna) was observed at the Bautzen-Weissenberg road in line with the eastern edge of Neupurschwitz. A radio truck with a simple antenna mast about 5 kmeters high was parked 150 meters farther east. Between the wall and the flight control station, approximately in line with kilometer marker 4, was the previously reported radio installation of 4 masts.

17 August. At about 1200, 8 Yak-11s were parked on the dispersal area and 3 Yak-11s in front of the hangars. The four-mast radio installation was observed about 30 meters farther northwest and the radio trucks with the discone-type antenna was about 150 meters farther east. A new low brick barrack about 30 x 15 meters was under construction about 30 meters north of the brick wall in line with the eastern edge of Neupurschwitz.²

5. The following observations were made in the former Husaren Kaserne on 29 July:

A total of 1,000 to 1,200 men were quartered in the former Husaren Kaserne on Kaethe Kollwitz Strasse at the corner of Strauler Strasse. The sentry posted there was armed with a Soviet submachine gun and wore light blue service color. An ambulance, a fire truck and 2 tank trucks each with a capacity of about 4,000 liters were parked in a row in the barracks yard. A box-like truck with 22 windows and a wooden staircase at the open rear side, presumably a workshop, was parked at a short distance away. Little activity was observed in the barracks yard, while there was apparently intensive activity in the quarters at about 1100. Building No 24 on Loehr Strasse was occupied by Soviet Air Force officers.³

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6. The following motor vehicles were observed entering and leaving Bautzen-Litten airfield and Husaren Kaserne:

Sedans Trucks Tank Trucks

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Ambulance Tipping Truck Jeep

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7. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at the field on 6, 10, and 15 August 1955:

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The aircraft strength between 6 and 15 August was estimated at about 24 Yak-11s. On the 3 days of observation, no particularly intensive activity was seen on the field. Prior to air activity, the student pilots were trucked to the field and, after about 1 hour, returned to Husaren Kaserne. In the meantime, another truck hauled additional trainees to the field. In this way, 12 to 16 students, including officers, NCOs and EM were trucked to the field for 1 hour. About 20 student pilots stayed at the field each time. Air activity was conducted from about 1000 until nightfall. At about noon, a kitchen truck arrived at the field. A total of 8 to 10 Yak-11 aircraft were employed for continuous air activity including individual take-offs, short local flights and individual landings, in addition to one formation flight. The aircraft took off in rapid succession, assembled in pairs and, in a column formation of 8 to 10 aircraft, practiced flying for 10 to 15 minutes.¹

8. The following radio installations were again observed at the field:

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A discone-type antenna on [redacted] 4 meters high, located in line with the eastern edge of [redacted];
Another single-mast antenna approximately in the middle of the southern edge of the field;
A third single-mast antenna and a four-mast radio installation with 3 trucks near the flight control station.²

9. The Husaren Kaserne probably also housed Soviet instruction officers and Soviet dependents because, on 10 August, a Soviet captain was definitely overheard talking with his wife and son at an open window of the barracks. Tank truck [redacted] left the Husaren Kaserne.

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1. Comment. No changes were observed in air activity by the Bautzen Aeroclub when compared with previous reports. The observation of red and gray propeller hubs supports the assumption that 2 departments of the Bautzen Aeroclub are stationed in Bautzen.

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2. Comment. The reported radio and DF stations correspond with the required air traffic control installations for trainer units. The discone type antenna is probably used for ground-air voice-radio traffic. A radar installation is presumably not available.
3. Comment. The reported personnel strength agrees with the assumed strength of one technical base and 2 departments of an Aeroclub.

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